

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-11 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 6 and 12-20 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-4 and 7-10 are allowed.

Allowable Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claim 12 was merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be otherwise allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kudo et al (JP 10-050949) in view of Nam et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,579).

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the recitations in the allowable claim 12 cancelling claim 12. Thus, claim 11 has become allowable.

In view of the aforementioned amendments, Applicants submit that that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

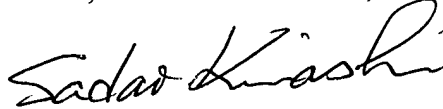
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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